(c) the efforts being made by Government to make adequate quantity of wheat and mustard seeds available to States under Food Safety Mission scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government is continuously monitoring the food situation in the country and policies regarding import of wheat and edible oil are being accordingly, formulated from the time to time, keeping in view the domestic production, consumption requirements, domestic and international prices, etc.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "National Food Security Mission" has been launched in view of the resolution of National Development Council (NDC) to launch a Food Security Mission in the country to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8, and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XI plan.

The Mission aims at increasing production of rice, wheat and pulses through area expansion and productivity enhancement, restoring soil fertility and productivity, creating employment opportunities, and improving farm level economy to restore confidence of farmers of targeted districts.

Under NFSM, demonstration of improved production technology, distribution of quality seeds of High Yield Varieties (HYVs) and hybrids, popularization of newly released varieties is done.

Procurement of wheat

†2057. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wheat purchased for Kendriya Bhandar is in excess of the pool despite decreasing production of wheat in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's plan to check the falling production of wheat in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Production of wheat in last three crop years in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan is as follows:

(In lakh tonnes)

State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Uttar Pradesh	240.74	250.31	254.32
Madhya Pradesh	59.58	73.26	62.67
Rajasthan	58.65	70.56	71.25
All India	693.54	758.07	784.01

Procurement of wheat in last three Rabi Marketing Seasons in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan is as follows:

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(In lakh tonnes)

State	2006-07	2007-8	2008-09
Uttar Pradesh	0.49	5.46	31.37
Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.57	24.10
Rajasthan	0.02	3.83	9.35
All India	92.26	111.27	226.82

The quantity of wheat procured by FCI and the State Agencies during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2008-09 for the Central Pool was 226.82 lakh tonnes as against 111.27 lakh tonnes procured in RMS 2007-08.

In order to increase production of wheat, rice and coarse cereals, Centrally Sponsored Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) is in operation from October, 2000. The Government has also initiated two schemes for increasing foodgrains production including wheat and improving the agricultural growth in the country. These are (i) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY).

Export of wheat

†2058. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to export wheat in excess of consumption requirement of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of wheat available for export;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there would be less production of wheat at international level next year; and

(d) if so, the assessment in this regard, and whether India's requirement of wheat in 2009 has been estimated to be met by domestic resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) In view of comfortable situation of wheat stock in Central Pool, it has been decided by the Government to allow export of upto 20 lakh tonnes of wheat from Central Pool, on diplomatic basis to friendly countries. The Ministry of External Affairs will make payment to FCI, at economic cost.

(c) No, Sir. As per report dated 27.11.2008 of International Grains Council, the estimated global production of wheat for 2008-09 is 683 million tonnes, as against 610 million tonnes in 2007-08.

(d) The domestic demand and supply projection of wheat for 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

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